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18 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the Operations
Course at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 5 May 1977

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25X1A 1. Action Requested: On 5 May 1977, the students of Operations Course (OC) 2-77 will hold their graduation dinner at the [REDACTED]. On this occasion, it is customary to have a keynote speaker to address the students as they embark on their careers in the Directorate of Operations. On behalf of the students and staff at the [REDACTED], I would like to extend to you an invitation to address the students on this occasion.

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25X1A 2. Background: The OC is a 16-week, full-time course currently given twice a year at the [REDACTED]. It is designed to prepare junior officers from the Directorate of Operations to serve as case officers in the field for most types of intelligence operations in a variety of operations situations. The course makes wide use of practical exercises designed to simulate the diverse requirements and problems encountered at field stations abroad. The current class consists of 33 officers in the GS-07 to GS-11 grade range. An OC 2-77 student roster (which includes basic biographic information) and class photograph are attached.

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3. Recommendation: If your schedule permits, I recommend that you and your party plan to arrive at the [REDACTED] at 1730 hours. The dinner will be held at the [REDACTED] with cocktails being served beginning at 1800 hours. Dinner will be at 1900 hours, and it is expected that you could begin your remarks at approximately 2000 hours. Later in the evening, the students generally have a program of light

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25X1A entertainment during which they "roast" the instructor staff. You could depart the [REDACTED] at your convenience, either the same evening or the following morning. As to the address, I might suggest that you plan to speak for about 30 minutes and then answer questions from the class. Naturally, the students are looking ahead and would be keenly interested in your views as to what the future holds for the Agency, particularly in light of the continuing Congressional investigations and the political, social, and economic changes abroad.

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Attachments:

- 1 - Student Roster
- 2 - Class Photograph

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Director of Training
1026 C of C Bldg.

Harry:

The follow-through on this is up

to you.

/s/ Jack
John F. Blake *K*

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25X1A [REDACTED] on 5 May 1977

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DCI - approval item, re
visit to [REDACTED]
25X1A even on 5 May.

Priority request for
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Note: NO Presidential
briefing on 6
May, as Pres.
departs for Europe
5 May (Sentinel)

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core officer
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